Reimbursement to Karnataka for MIS

1723. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has requested the Central Government to intervene and direct the Ministry of Agriculture to reimburse a sum of Rs.2.34 crores claimed by that State Government, spent as a part of Market Intervention Scheme in regard to procurement of potatoes in Dharwarand Belgaum Districts;

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter; and

(c) by when, the reimbursement can be expected to be received by Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for potato in the State of Karnataka was implemented in the years 1996-97 and 1997-98. As per approved guidelines for implementing MIS, losses are reimbursed after approval of accounts/ claims by this Department in consultation with the Department of Expenditure o' Ministry of Finance. Claims of the State Government are under examination.

(c) The Central Government share will be released to the Government of Karnataka immediately after the accounts/claims have been examined by the competent authority.

Deficiency of calcium in cattle

†1724. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMOTILALVORA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item published in the Daily Dainik Bhaskar under the caption "Pradesh Ke Pashu Calcium Kee Kami ke Shikar";

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that milk not containing calcium is harmful for children;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.